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In Re Application of:

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preceding parent application:
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Serial No.: N/A

Anticipated Group
Art Unit: 3764

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FOR: LYPHHEDEMA TREATMENT SYSTEM

Docket No.: 55122/101/104

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application, under 37 CFR \$1.53(b), of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/730,081 filed on December 5, 2000 for an invention entitled LYPHHEDEMA TREATMENT SYSTEM; which claims priority to application Serial No. 08/843,023 having a filing date of April 11, 1997 now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,796 having an issue date of January 30, 2001.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventors' DECLARATION of December 5, 2000, as originally filed on December 5, 2000.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior Application Serial No. 09/730,081 as filed on December 5, 2000, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
3. Please find enclosed 6 (six) sheets of informal drawings.
4. An assignment is of record in the prior application to Tactile Systems Technology, Inc. recorded on December 5, 2000, at Reel 011362, Frame(s) 0872.
5. Amend the specification by replacing the first paragraph, immediately before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1 thereof, with the following Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph: --This is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 09/730,081 filed on December 5, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,645,165; which is a regular application claiming priority to application Serial No. 08/843,023 filed on April 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,796. --

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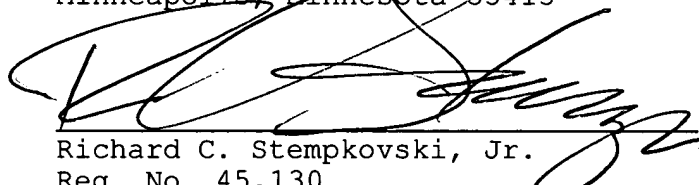
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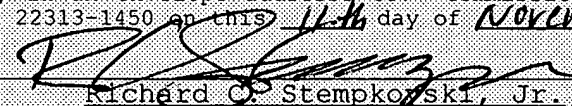
| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | |
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| BASIC FEE | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | \$385 | XXXXXX | \$770 |
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7. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Wayne A. Sivertson, Reg. No. 25,645; Lawrence M. Nawrocki, Reg. No. 29,333; John L. Rooney, Reg. No. 28,898; Richard C. Stempkowski, Jr., Reg. No. 45,130; Jeffery L. Cameron, Reg. No. 43,527; and Donald A. Jacobson, Reg. No. 22,308. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of : EV 332 553 896 US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 11-16 day of November, 2003
By 
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